

What is claimed is

1        1. A data sale immediate settling method comprising  
2 actions on a purchaser's end and actions on a seller's end  
3 wherein:  
4        the actions on the purchaser's end comprise an action of  
5 inputting the purchaser's ID, the n-th action of inputting the  
6 n-th password used at the n-th time to a terminal, an action  
7 of inputting the (n+1)-th password used at the (n+1)-th time  
8 to the terminal, and an action of inputting contents to the  
9 terminal; and

10        the actions on the seller's end comprise an action of  
11 distributing the contents to the purchaser, and an action of  
12 subtracting a price corresponding to the contents from the  
13 balance in a database.

1        2. A data sale immediate settling method according to  
2 claim 1 wherein:

3        the actions on the purchaser's end further comprise an  
4 action of re-inputting the (n+1)-th password used at the  
5 (n+1)-th time; and

6        the actions on the seller's end further comprise an action  
7 of collating an agreement between the (n+1)-th password and the  
8 re-inputted (n+1)-th password.

1        3. A data sale immediate settling method according to  
2 claim 2 wherein the actions on the seller's end further comprise

3 an action of registering the (n+1)-th password on the basis of  
4 the collation of the agreement.

1 4. A data sale immediate settling method according to  
2 claim 3 wherein the actions on the seller's end further comprise  
3 an action of indicating the balance and the contents to the  
4 purchaser.

1 5. A data sale immediate settling method according to  
2 claim 4 wherein:

3 the actions on the seller's end further comprise an action  
4 of confirming that the balance exceeds the price, and an action  
5 of permitting the purchaser a purchase on the basis of the  
6 confirmation; and

7 the action of inputting the contents to the terminal is  
8 equal to a purchaser's action of clicking the contents indicated  
9 on the terminal.

1 6. A data sale immediate settling method according to  
2 claim 5 wherein the action of distribution is implemented after  
3 the action of confirmation.

1 7. A data sale immediate settling method according to  
2 claim 6 wherein the actions on the seller's end further comprise  
3 actions of updating the balance by subtracting the price from  
4 the balance and of registering the updated balance, and an  
5 action of indicating the updated balance to the purchaser.

1        8. A data sale immediate settling method according to  
2 claim 7 wherein the actions on the seller's end further comprise  
3 an action of registering a purchase date corresponding to the  
4 contents, the purchase, and the purchaser.

1        9. A data sale immediate settling method according to  
2 claim 8 wherein the indication is implemented on a screen of  
3 the terminal.

1        10. A data sale immediate settling method according to  
2 claim 9 wherein the indication is implemented by a speaker of  
3 the terminal.

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1        11. A data sale immediate settling method wherein:  
2 by using a sales system including a portal site arranged on a  
3 purchaser's end, a database arranged on a seller's end, and a  
4 communication network connecting the portal site and the  
5 database to each other, the seller distributes, sells, and  
6 settles contents instructed by the purchaser;  
7        a price contracted between the purchaser and the seller  
8 is registered to the database; and  
9        the settlement in the database is implemented by  
10 subtracting a price of the contents purchased by the purchaser.

1        12. A data sale immediate settling method according to  
2 claim 11 wherein:

3           a serial number of the purchaser determined at the time  
4   of the contract and a password used by the purchaser at the  
5   next-time purchase are transmitted from the portal site to the  
6   database; and

7           the password is registered to the database until the  
8   next-time purchase is implemented.

1           13. A prepaid card having one-to-one correspondence  
2   based on a serial number with a virtual prepaid card, whose  
3   password is variably registered to a database, and which  
4   virtually exists in the database.

1           14. A prepaid card according to claim 13 on which the  
2   serial number and the password used at the first time are visibly  
3   printed.

1           15. A prepaid card according to claim 14, which includes  
2   a cover, and on which the printed serial number and the printed  
3   password are hidden by the cover before the first-time use.